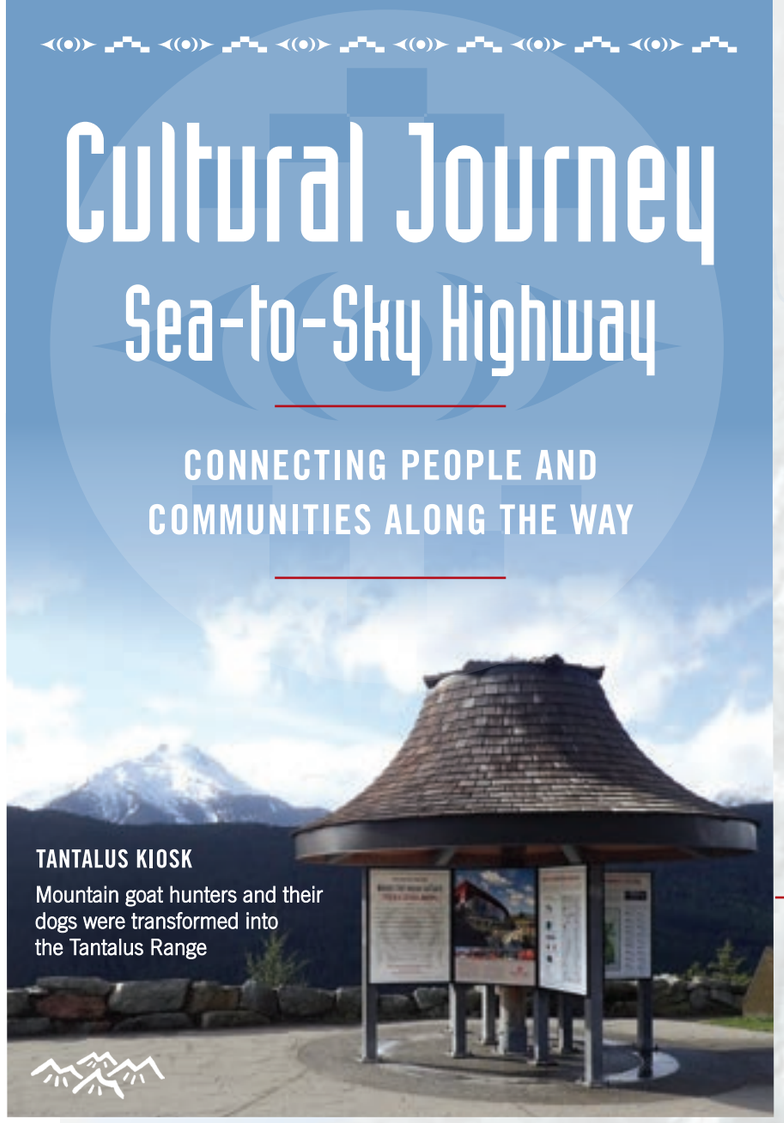
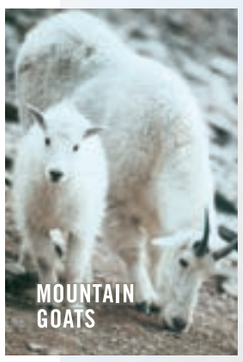
Cultural Journey

Sea-to-Sky Highway

CONNECTING PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES ALONG THE WAY

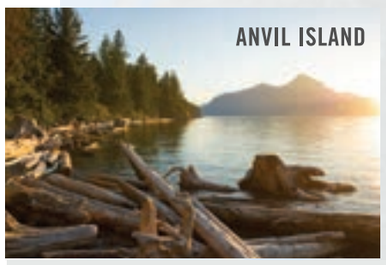


TANTALUS KIOSK
Mountain goat hunters and their dogs were transformed into the Tantalus Range



MOUNTAIN GOATS

RAIN FOREST
Beside the Squamish Líl'wat Cultural Centre



ANVIL ISLAND

CANOES
Squamish River Estuary

UNLOCKING TREASURES OF OUR ANCESTORS

Ha Yáchtn / H'alhw Áʔacw

WELCOME FROM THE SQUAMISH AND LÍL'WAT FIRST NATIONS

Every inch of the route is rich in mystery with First Nations oral history, supernatural beings and place names. Learn how mighty Thunderbird, giant two-headed serpents and other mythical beings have shaped our land. Enjoy your journey along this modern path culminating at our crown jewel in Whistler, British Columbia — The Squamish Líl'wat Cultural Centre. Witness through our eyes the place where we have thrived and existed since time immemorial.

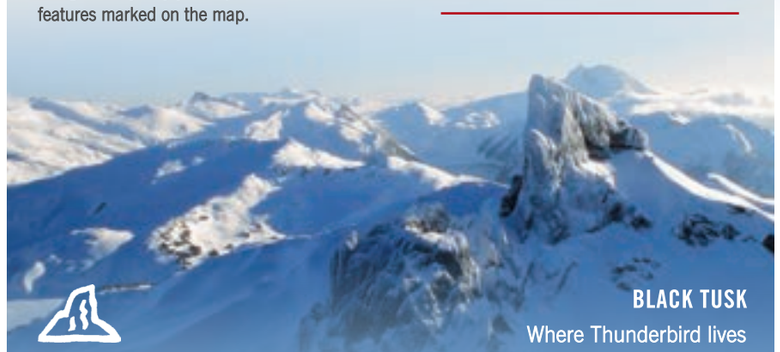
THE SELF-GUIDED CULTURAL JOURNEY ROUTE

The Sea-to-Sky Corridor is a route stretching north from Vancouver through Whistler, renowned world wide for its breathtaking ocean views and magnificent mountain ranges.

Going northbound from Vancouver, stop at kiosks 1 to 5 on your way up to Whistler — they are all on the east side of the highway. In Whistler visit kiosk 6 at Olympic Plaza and kiosk 7 at the Squamish Líl'wat Cultural Centre. Southbound from Whistler back to Vancouver, stop at kiosks 8 and 9, which are both on the west side of the highway. Enjoy viewpoint signage on both sides of the highway at easily accessible pullouts. Also, along the way, enjoy the spectacular scenic features marked on the map.

THE SEA-TO-SKY CORRIDOR IS MUCH MORE THAN SPECTACULAR SCENERY.

IT IS ALSO A CULTURAL JOURNEY.



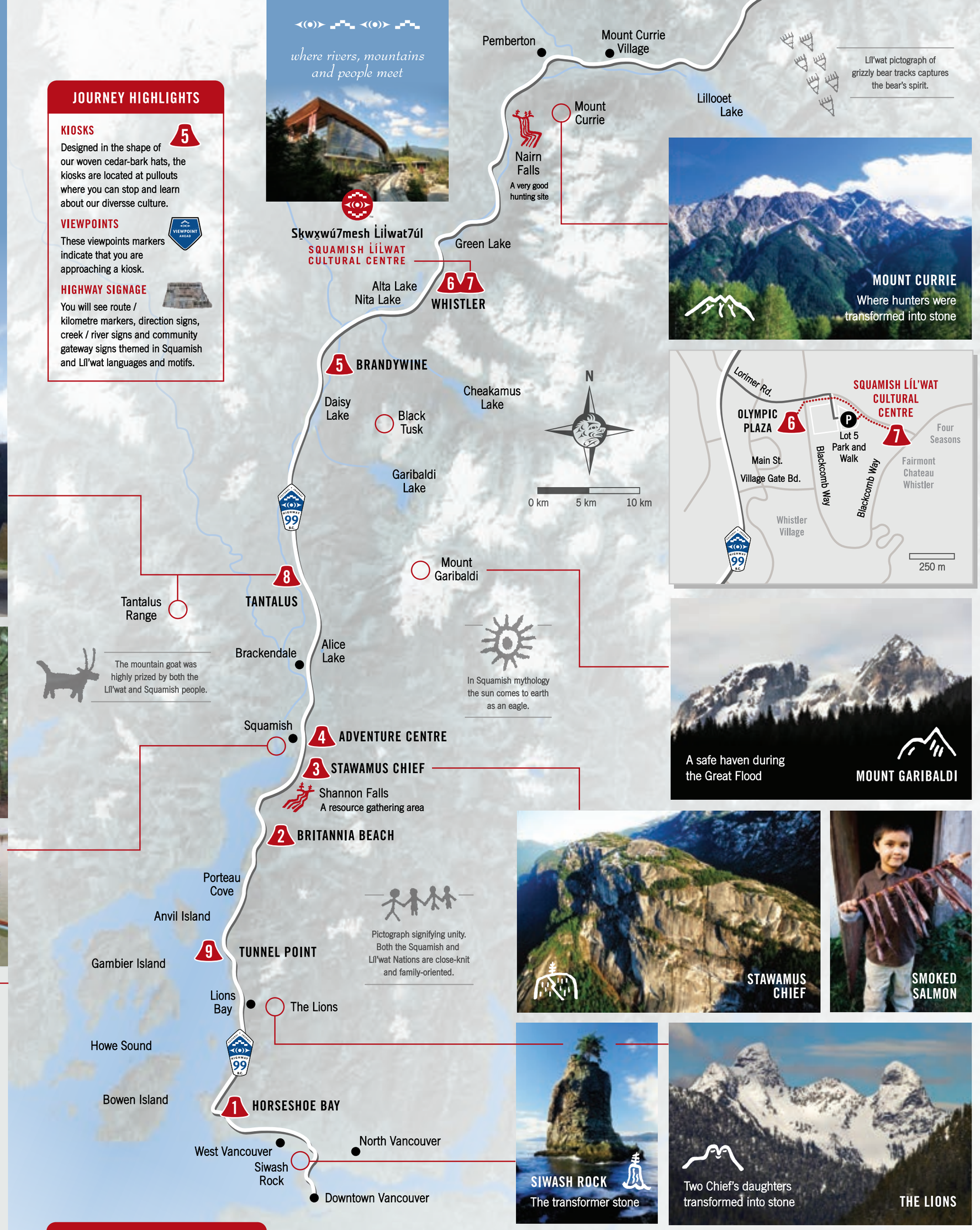
BLACK TUSK
Where Thunderbird lives

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

KIOSKS 5
Designed in the shape of our woven cedar-bark hats, the kiosks are located at pullouts where you can stop and learn about our diversse culture.

VIEWPOINTS
These viewpoints markers indicate that you are approaching a kiosk.

HIGHWAY SIGNAGE
You will see route / kilometre markers, direction signs, creek / river signs and community gateway signs themed in Squamish and Líl'wat languages and motifs.



CULTURAL JOURNEY KIOSKS

1 Ch'ax-áy' HORSEHOE BAY

Journeys begin and end here at the gateway to spectacular Howe Sound. It was here that two long-ago giants waged an epic battle with slingshots. Their weapons were transformed into huge boulders, still visible today in the stretch of ocean between K'ftl'alsm (Eagle Harbour) and Skíwitsut (Lighthouse Park).

32.2 km to Britannia Beach Kiosk

2 Shisháy' u7áy BRITANNIA BEACH

Britannia Beach, where screech owls call and mountain goats climb. At Britannia Beach trespassers were transformed into stone during mythological times. Nearby Porteau Cove is an area rich in all kinds of wildlife, marine life and medicinal plants.

8.8 km to Stawamus Chief Kiosk

3 Siy' ám' Smánit STAWAMUS CHIEF

From its three summits, stunning panoramic views of Howe Sound and the surrounding Coastal Mountains can be seen. The two-headed serpent Sínulhk-ay' scaled this mountain in the long ago. Nearby Kwékwetxwm (Shannon Falls) is where Squamish Nation medicine people trained.

2.8 km to Adventure Centre Kiosk

4 H-w' kw' instn ADVENTURE CENTRE

Spectacular views of the Stawamus Chief and the trail left by the serpent Sínulhk-ay'. Home to the town of Squamish, named after Sk-wx-wú7mesh (the River People) and the Squamish River, where several Squamish villages exist today.

40.7 km to Brandywine Kiosk

5 Payakéntsut BRANDYWINE

Site of Black Tusk Mountain, landing place of Ín7inyáx-a7en, the great Thunderbird, and a spiritual training place for the Squamish people. Also home to the Cheakamus River, formerly a vital trade and travel route and today renowned for its salmon stocks.

8.9 km to Olympic Park Plaza Kiosk

6 Whistler OLYMPIC PLAZA

In the long ago, Thunderbird flapped his wings creating booms of thunder causing a great rock and water slide to crash down into Rubble Creek Valley – destroying the shared Squamish / Líl'wat village site of Spo7ez. Thunderbird was punishing our Ancestors who had forgotten to follow and respect our traditional values.

0.6 km to Squamish Líl'wat Cultural Centre

7 Squamish Líl'wat Cultural Centre

An architectural masterpiece and the highlight of the Cultural Journey. Tour our family-friendly museum, galleries and interactive exhibits. Watch a spectacular 15-minute film showcasing our cultures. Meet our Ambassadors, engage in story-telling and make a craft. Visit the gift gallery and Aboriginal café.

32.5 km to Tantalus Kiosk

8 Tsilxwm TANTALUS

Where Tl'elhnáyem (elite alpine navigators) trained to hunt mountain goats. Some are immortalized, along with their dogs, in the towering granite and stone of the Tantalus Mountains. This area is home to wildlife like grizzlies, elk, wolverines, deer, cougars, wolves and eagles.

47.0 km to Tunnel Point Kiosk

9 H-él'etstn TUNNEL POINT

A vantage point to the islands of Howe Sound where mythical serpents and Sasquatches roam, and where Mink and Skunk held their infamous feast. To the north is Porteau Cove, a sturgeon fishing area and one of the oldest archaeological sites on the Northwest coast.